

REMARKS

Claims 9, 12, 14 and 21-47 are pending in the application. Claim 27 is amended and new claims 46 and 47 are added. In view of these amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims pending in the application are respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 9, 12, and 21-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,742,905 to Pepe *et al.* ("Pepe"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because Pepe fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features of the claims.

Claims 9, 21, and 37

Claim 9 includes the features of "modifying a presentation format of the electronic message from the first message presentation format to a modified message presentation format" and "sending the electronic message in the modified message presentation format to the second terminal device." At least these features are not disclosed, taught or suggested by Pepe.

Apparently, the Examiner relies on Figures 1 and 3 in Pete to teach these features. Applicants respectfully submit that Pepe, as illustrated in its Figures 1 and 3, discloses a networked system of multiple electronic devices where an electronic message can be transmitted from one device and delivered to the another device. Thus, at best, Pete discloses modifying a delivery format of an electronic message from one type of device to another type of device. However, Pete does not disclose, teach or suggest modifying a presentation format of an electronic message for a user's view and sending or transmitting the electronic message in the modified presentation format. Applicants respectfully submit that modifying a delivery format of a message is entirely different from modifying a message presentation format as these occur at different layers of communication channel.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection of claim 9 based on Pete. Claims 21 and 37 include features

similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants submit that these claims are also patentable over Pete for at least the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 9.

Claims 12, 22-36, and 38-45

Dependent claims 12, 22-36, and 38-45 depend from and add additional features to one of independent claims 9, 21, and 37. Because Pepe does not disclose, teach or suggest each of the features recited in the independent claims, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 12, 22-36, and 38-45 are also patentable for at least the foregoing reasons. Applicants also provide additional reasons why various dependent claims are also patentable over Pepe.

Claim 24

Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claim 24 depends from and add additional features to dependent claim 22 and independent claim 21. As such, dependent claim 24 includes the features of "modified message presentation format is other than said first message presentation format" and "said modified message presentation format is other than said second message presentation format." At least these features are not disclosed, taught or suggested by Pepe. Apparently, the Examiner relies on sending messages, as illustrated in Figure 1 of Pepe, from one device such as a fax machine to another device such as a pager, to teach these features. Following the Examiner's logic, Pete would teach that the modified message presentation format is either the first message presentation format or the second message presentation format. Dependent claim 24 requires that the message presentation format be other than the first message presentation format and other than the second message presentation format. Accordingly, even if Pete teaches or suggests the features of independent claim 21 and dependent claim 22, Pete does not disclose, teach or suggest the additional features of dependent claim 24.

Claim 25

Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claim 25 depends from and add additional features to independent claim 21. Dependent claim 25 includes the features of "said modified message presentation format is specified by a user of said first terminal device." At least this feature is not disclosed, taught or suggested by Pepe. Apparently, the Examiner relies on the references in Pepe to delivery of outgoing messages and routing of incoming messages based on a subscriber's profile to this feature (See col. 6, lines 23-27 of Pepe). Applicants respectfully submit that Pepe discloses a routing format and a delivery format based on a subscriber's profile. However, these are not the same as Applicants' modified message presentation format for a user's view as specified by the user. Applicants respectfully submit that a delivery format or a routing format of a message is entirely different from a message presentation format as these format occur at different layers of communication channel. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection of claim 25 based on Pepe.

Claim 27

Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claim 27 depends from and add additional features to independent claim 21. Dependent claim 27 includes the features of "said modified message presentation format corresponds to a type of terminal device other than said first terminal device and said second terminal device." At least these features are not disclosed, taught or suggested by Pepe. Apparently, the Examiner relies on transmission of messages, as illustrated in Figure 1 of Pepe, from one terminal device to a different terminal device to teach these features. Following the Examiner's logic, Pete would teach that the modified message presentation format corresponds to either the first terminal device or the second terminal device. Dependent claim 27 requires that the message presentation format corresponds to other than the first terminal device and other than the second terminal device. Accordingly, even if Pete teaches or suggests the features of independent claim 21, Pete does not disclose, teach or suggest the additional features of dependent claim 27.

Claim 29

Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claim 29 depends from and add additional features to independent claim 21. Dependent claim 29 includes the features of "said modified message presentation format is specified by a user of said second terminal device." At least this feature is not disclosed, taught or suggested by Pepe.

Apparently, the Examiner relies on the references in Pepe to delivery of incoming messages based on a subscriber's profile to this feature (See col. 6, lines 25-27 of Pepe). Applicants respectfully submit that Pepe discloses a delivery format based on a subscriber's profile. However, this is not the same as Applicants' modified message presentation format for a user's view as specified by the user. Applicants respectfully submit that a delivery format of a message is entirely different from a message presentation format as these format occur at different layers of communication channel. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection of claim 29 based on Pepe.

Claim 46

New claim 46 includes the features of "modifying a presentation format of the electronic message from the first message presentation format to a modified message presentation format," "modifying a delivery format of the electronic message from the first message delivery format to the second message delivery format," and "transmitting the electronic message in the modified message presentation format and in the second message delivery format to the second terminal device." At least these features are not disclosed, taught or suggested by Pepe.

Applicants respectfully submit that Pepe, as illustrated in its Figures 1 and 3, discloses a networked system of multiple electronic devices where an electronic message can be transmitted from one device and delivered to the another device. Thus, at best, Pepe discloses modifying a delivery format of an electronic message from one type of device to another type of device. However, Pepe does not disclose, teach or suggest modifying a presentation format of an electronic message for a user's view and sending or transmitting the electronic message in the modified presentation format. Applicants respectfully submit that modifying a delivery format of a message is entirely

different from modifying a message presentation format as these format occur at different layers of communication channel. Accordingly, Applicants submit that claim 46 is patentable over Pete for at least the foregoing reasons.

Claim 47

New dependent claim 47 depends from and adds additional features to independent claim 46. Because Pepe does not disclose, teach or suggest each of the features recited in the independent claim 46, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claim 47 is also patentable for at least the foregoing reasons.

In addition, dependent claim 47 includes the features of "at least one of the first and second terminal devices is a wireless device" and "at least one of the first and the modified message presentation formats is in a HTML format." Nowhere does Pete disclose, teach or suggest these features as set forth in claim 47. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claim 47 is patentable over Pepe.

Claim 14

The Examiner has rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,742,905 to Krishan *et al.* ("Krishan"). Applicants traverse this rejection because Krishan fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features of the claims. Claim 14 includes the features of "computer code for causing a computer system to modify a presentation format of the electronic message from the first message presentation format to a modified message presentation format" and "computer code for causing a computer system to send the electronic message in the modified message presentation format to the second terminal device." At least these features are not disclosed, taught or suggested by Krishan.

Applicants respectfully submit that Krishan discloses an electronic data communication device containing modem, pager, and e-mail communication circuitry. Apparently, these communication circuitry are interfaced for the purpose of data transmission and delivery of electronic messages. Thus, at best, Krishan discloses modifying a delivery format of an electronic message from one type of device to another

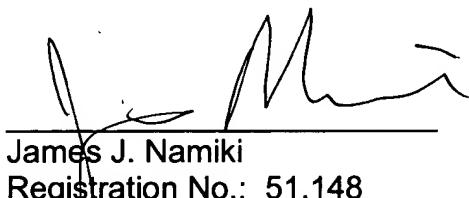
type of device. However, Krishan does not disclose, teach or suggest computer codes for modifying a presentation format of an electronic message for a user's view and computer codes for sending or transmitting the electronic message in the modified presentation format as claimed. Applicants respectfully submit that modifying a delivery format of a message is entirely different from modifying a message presentation format as these format occur at different layers of communication channel. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection of claim 14 based on Krishan.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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